THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a Yes, Sir. except at. Nalgonda.

(b) The daily average sale of tickets has dropped from 212 to 8-0 at Guntur, from 55 to 4 at Sat-tenapalli from 11 to 6 at Miryala-guda. At Nalgonda, the sal$_e$ of tick, ets increased from 7 to 10 per day. This has been re-examined. Since there is no drop i$_n$ through passengers, it is not desirable to alter the existing schedule of the train.

Introduction of Rajdhani Express Type Superfast Train t$_0$ State Capitals

349. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Rajdhani Express type Superfast trains to every State capi_ tal; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the trains proposed to be introduced in the current financial year and also in the remaining years of the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) NO, Sir.

(b) At present a proposal for introduction of Rajdhani Express between Nizamuddin and Madras during the next Financial year i$_s$ under active consideration.

Changes in policy of Manufacture of Railway Wagons

350. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: WiU the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to"state:

(a) whether Government contemp late to effect some changes in respect of policy of manufacture of railway wagons;

(b) whether these proposed chan ges would affect the viability of wagons manufacturing engineering industries under Public sector, located mainly in Eastern Regio$_n$ of the country and als$_0$ the economy and employment scenario of the Eastern Region; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take so that economy and employment avenue$_s$ of the Eastern Region are protested and engineering PSU$_S$ of the area, remain visible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c Do not arise.

Railway Accidents

351. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seve ral railway accidents have taken place during th$_e$ past on$_e$ year in th$_e$ country;

(b) if so, what are th$_e$ details thereof and the losses suffered in both human lives and properties;

(c) whethe$_r$ responsibility has been fixed in each case; and

(d) steps taken to minimise such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During th$_e$ financial year 1991-92, 530 train accidents occurred over all Indian Railways which i$_s$ inclu. save of 30 collisions, 444 derailments, 47 level crossing gate accidents and 9 cases of fire in trains. A$_s$ a result of these accidents, 229 pesrons lost their lives, 884 were injured and th$_e$ cost of damag$_e$ to railway pro perty has been assessed as Rs. 25.40 crores.

(c) Each and every accident is inquired into and based On the out-

come of the inquiry report, disciplinary action is taken against staff found responsible.

(d) Some of the steps taken to reduce accidents are as under —

(i) Induction of technical devices to aid the human element;

(ii) Continuing emphasig, on renewal and rehabilitation of over-aged assets, particularly track, bri. dges and rolling stock.

(iii) Improvement in quality of out-turn from the workshops.

(iv) Intensive inspections of telecom gears, maintenance depots of coaches, wagons and locomotives.

(v) Monitoring the performance of the staff of the critical safety categories such as drivers, guards, station masters, etc.

(vi) Intensive training of staff in operational categories.

(vii) Surprise checks against carr iage of inflammable|explosives material in passenger trains.

(viii) Provision of whistle boards, speed breakers and road signs at the approaches of unmanned level crossings and improving visibility for road users and train drivers.

(ix) Educative campaigns through public media , including Doordarshan and Radio to educate road users on the precautions to be taken at level crossings.

(x) Joint checks in coordination with the State Govts, to enfroce provisions of the Motor[1] Vehicles Act.

Linking of Hissar with Delhi and Chandigarh broad-gauge Line

352. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hissar in Haryana has been linked with Delhi and Chandi. garh by a broad-gauge line;

(b) if so, the names of super fast trains run on this route;

(c) if the reply to part (a) be in the negative, whether Govamment propose to link Hissar City with the Capital;

(d) if so, by when;

(e) the funds allocated by Government during the Eighth Plan for this purpose; ana

(f) wheher the finances for this linkage are to be funded by World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir, via Dhuri and Raj pur a as well as via Narwana and Kurukshetra.

(b) None.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.

क्षेत्रीय (जोनल) रेल समय-सारणी का प्रकाशन

353. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1991–92 में रेलवे की जोन-वार समय-सारणी का प्रकाशन किन-किन भाषाओं में किया गया है ; और

(ख) प्रत्येक भाषा में प्रकाशित की गई समय-सारणी की प्रतियों की संख्या का जोनवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) और (ख) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।